

33 Duke St
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Very Dear Friend

I am afraid ere this you will be concluding that your Glasgow friends have grown cold in the cause of the slave, owing to their long silence, glad I am to assure you this is not the case, we intended to have dispatched a box of articles for your coming Bazaar with the vessel which sails the 18th of this month, but we have deferred it until the beginning of Dec^r. we trust nothing will prevent its leaving then ~~and I hope sincerely~~ it will reach you in full time for the fair, the reason of this detention was in consequence of our annual meeting not taking place until the 24th of last month, (no doubt you have seen from the newspapers the particulars of it so that it is unnecessary for me to say any thing about it here,) from the time it should have taken place until then we were occasionally corresponding with Geo Thomson about it, we felt it could not be held without him & so we waited until it was convenient for him to be present, this delay prevented the publication of our report and also the publication of our box, for the sake of those friends who might not have heard of it till they were at the meeting we announced that we would not close ^{it} until the 20th of this month, we were much afraid that it would

prove a feature this year as it was long before friends would begin to work yet our prospects are a little better than they were. The great depression in trade and the starving thousands with which we are surrounded is a grand excuse for many to do nothing for their suffering brethren at a distance, yet the result of our experience and observation goes to prove that those who aid benevolent societies at all generally have something for every one and those who love only themselves take ~~the~~ advantage of such times as the present to excuse doing altogether.

Many times are we told when pleading the cause of the American slave that really so many at home need assistance there can be no wisdom in going so far to seek objects of benevolence. However in the midst of all these difficulties we have mustered a few things which we hope you will receive as the free will offerings of your much attached friends, interested indeed we are in the cause and anxious to do much more than we have ever done more it is in our power, but the commercial distress of our country meets us at every step, we live in the midst of a people borne down with oppression what will be the end of it is hard to say but the rod of the oppressor in this land as well as in yours must be broken. When our box reaches you will find enclosed a small one from Esther Sturge being her contribution, she consigned it to the care of Mrs Bevan London, who sent it to us to be sent along with our things, with a request that we would desire you to acknowledge the receipt of it to Esther Sturge

yourself. We will send a few copies of our report in the box perhaps you may think it tame as regards our position being our first report, but we thought it best to be cautious now in speaking about the divisions lest we should kindle the old flame, our opponents are perfectly silent they are not to be heard of at all in connection with the Anti Slavery cause in fact they are doing nothing; in the words of the old proverb, we think it best to "let sleeping dogs lie."

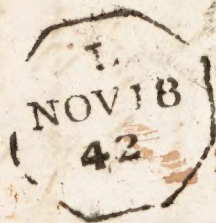
Permit me my esteemed friend before closing to express the sympathy I feel for you in your present bereaved condition, the feeling of a widows heart is a solitary one indeed, I know it, because I have felt it, when the object of our affection has been removed we feel the world more of a wilderness than ever but that God who has sustained you in all previous trials has given the widow a promise which is bestowed on no other, May these bereavements then, being the we feel them to be stimulate us to greater exertion in his work, so that when we come to join those of our friends who have already taken their stand before the throne on high we may hear the welcome sound "Well done good & faithful servant enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

It is probable I will write with the box.

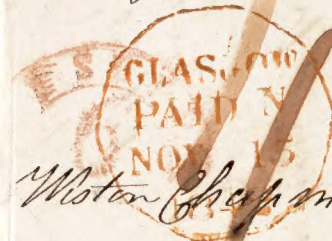
In the meantime,

Believe me to remain your faithful friend for our common cause Mary Webb

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